

such as Nevada the leaders of the new clean energy economy, with green jobs from coast to coast that can never be outsourced. It is why we will finish the job on health care reform, which both bodies of Congress have already passed—a plan with contents my State and the country overwhelmingly support.

Fixing our broken health care system will save lives, save money, and save Medicaid and Medicare, but it will also save jobs—as many as 34 million over the next decade. The reason each of these steps is important—the Recovery Act, our jobs bill, extension of unemployment and health benefits, promoting tourism, tax cuts and incentives, and health care reform—is because they each add certainty and security to our businesses, our States, and our country. They each represent a strong new brick along the road to recovery that we need to build.

Yet for some reason, those on the other side simply can't bring themselves to admit what we are doing is working. We are nowhere finished with that work, but the people of Nevada and the rest of the American people know that the emergency steps we took and the ones we will take have turned us around and now we are facing in the right direction. We have a long way to go, as the President said, and we will move past this.

So I encourage my Republican friends to remember this critical context before their political reflections lead them to make claims they know to be false. I warn them once again that this country has no place and no patience for those who root for failure.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the Baucus substitute amendment No. 3336 to H.R. 4213, the Tax Extenders Act of 2009.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

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Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, March 9, after the Senate resumes consideration of H.R. 4213, it proceed to vote in relation to the following amendments, in the order listed, and with no amendments in order to the amendments; and that prior to each vote there be 4 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, and after the first vote in this sequence, the succeeding votes be limited to 10 minutes:

Baucus amendment No. 3429 on the subject matter of the Coburn amendment No. 3358; the Coburn amendment No. 3358; the Murray amendment No. 3356, as modified; the Republican leader, or designee, amendment on the same subject matter as the Murray amendment No. 3356; that at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, the Senate proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Baucus substitute amendment No. 3336, with the mandatory quorum being waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent we move to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LITHUANIA COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, March 11, 2010, the people of Lithuania celebrate the 20th anniversary of the reestablishment of the State of Lithuania.

Yesterday, the Senate passed a resolution that I, along with Senator CARDIN and Senator WICKER, submitted to commemorate this occasion.

An ancient and noble state, mentioned as far back as 1009, Lithuanians have long revered their independence. On February 16, 1918, the Act of Independence of Lithuania led to the establishment of Lithuania as a sovereign and democratic state.

During World War II, under the German-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Demarcation, Lithuania

was forcibly incorporated into the Soviet Union in violation of preexisting peace treaties. During 50 years of Soviet occupation of the Baltic States, the United States Congress consistently refused to legally recognize the incorporation of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania into the Soviet Union.

On March 11, 1990, the Republic of Lithuania was restored, and Lithuania became the first Soviet republic to declare independence. A little over a year later, the U.S. Government formally recognized Lithuania as an independent and sovereign nation. This year the U.S. Government and the Government of Lithuania celebrate 88 years of continuous diplomatic relations.

Lithuania is a strong, free market democracy and a full member of the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the European Union, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. In 2009 Lithuania assumed Presidency of the Community of Democracies.

Lithuania also plays an important part in maintaining international peace and stability in Europe and around the world and participates in international civilian and military operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, Bosnia, Kosovo and Georgia.

When I traveled to Lithuania again last year, I was proud not only of my heritage, but to see how far Lithuania has come, despite the many difficulties it endured in the last century. My congratulations to President Dalia Grybauskaitė, Prime Minister Andrius Kubilius, and the people of Lithuania on this historic occasion.

NATIONAL PEACE CORPS WEEK

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, in the early 1960s, President John F. Kennedy inspired Americans to serve their country in the cause of peace by living and working in developing countries throughout the world. From that inspiration grew an agency devoted to world peace and friendship. The Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our Nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grass-roots level in the developing world. In gratitude of the nearly 200,000 volunteers who have made significant contributions to improve the lives of people in over 139 countries during the last 49 years, I would like the Senate to recognize the Peace Corps and its celebration of National Peace Corps Week.

National Peace Corps Week is being held from March 1 through March 7, 2010. During this time, celebratory and educational events will occur across the country to pay tribute to the Peace Corps' positive influence on communities here at home and abroad. Thousands of current and former Peace Corps volunteers will participate in activities that advance the Peace Corps'